

Kathryn Garcia

Former Commissioner of The New York City Department of Sanitation

Kathryn was appointed in 2014 as the Commissioner NYC Department of Sanitation, the world's largest municipal waste management agency. As Commissioner, Kathryn was responsible for keeping New York City healthy, safe, and clean by collecting, recycling, and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and public spaces, and clearing snow and ice.

In 2018, Kathryn was appointed Senior Advisor for Citywide Lead Prevention. In that role, she spearheaded LeadFreeNYC, NYC's comprehensive plan to eradicate childhood lead exposure. In early 2019, Garcia was appointed CEO and Interim Chair of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), where she worked to reverse decades of disinvestment in public housing and operationalize the City's agreement with the federal government.

During the City's COVID-19 response, Kathryn served as "Food Czar," and was responsible for building a program of unprecedented scale -- 130 million meals -- to feed hungry and vulnerable New Yorkers and ensuring a safe, reliable and affordable food supply.

Kathryn Garcia is a skilled and experienced government executive who will govern the

same way she has approached every challenge in her career--data-driven and focused. She will surround herself with competent and passionate public servants who share her goal of building a sustainable future for NYC.

Kathryn is a mother of two, a lifelong New Yorker who lives in Park Slope Brooklyn, the neighborhood where she grew up.